

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Date of entry in Register:	16 October 2000
Name of applicant/court:	Comptroller of Customs
Applicant to the Labelling Body:	Not Applicable
Title of Publication:	Bound & Gagged Issue 67
Other Known Titles:	Not Stated
Director:	Not Applicable
Producer:	Not Applicable
Publisher:	Bob Wingate
Editor:	Bob Wingate
Format:	Magazine
Country of Origin:	USA
Language:	English

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Components of film originally examined: Not Applicable.

Feature:	Running time:
Trailers:	Running time:
	Total Running time:

Excision/Alteration: Not Applicable.

Reason(s) for Excision:

Not Applicable.

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Classification Decision:

Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

Display Conditions:

That when the publication is on display, the classification given to the publication must be shown on the publication or any package in which the publication is kept
and
That the publication must be publicly displayed only in a sealed package.

Descriptive Note:

Not Applicable.

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Direction to issue a label has been given on: Not Applicable.

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SUMMARY OF THE REASONS FOR DECISION:

The magazine entitled *Bound & Gagged Issue 67* is classified as:
Objectionable except if the availability of the publication is restricted to persons who have attained the age of 18 years.

The publication is a magazine printed on glossy paper. The front cover is in full colour with the remainder of the magazine, aside from the inside covers, being in black and white. The magazine has 64 pages plus front and back covers. The content of the magazine is dominated by sexually explicit articles sent in by readers relaying stories of bondage and sexual experiences. These articles are interspersed with sexually explicit black and white photographs depicting men either tied up or bound in some other way. The magazine also carries editorials, a letters page, movie reviews, subscription details and advertising.

The magazine is intended to sexually arouse the viewer and provide advice about bondage. Within this context the magazine contains stories in which sexual satisfaction is derived from the infliction of pain. The sexual activities including the bondage are, however, presented as being consented to and enjoyed by the participants. The magazine does not present situations in which participants are forced or coerced into sex. Many of the stories describe bondage situations between people in relationships, and frequently have an affectionate tone. The magazine also carries warnings and advice about safe bondage practice.

The restricted classification allows for the widest availability possible given the magazine's sexually explicit content, and is consistent with the right to freedom of expression guaranteed by the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990.

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